

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 13 with the following:

Other examples of the reflux flow passage according to the present invention are shown Figs. 4 to 6. The direct reflux flow passage according to the present invention is, in short, the passage for flowing the liquid phase working fluid to the evaporating part and functions together with the wick composed of the porous body, so that the location and the shape are not limited to the aforementioned examples if it fulfills its application or its function. In Fig. 4, for example, reflux flow passage 11 is formed between the wick 5 and the inner face of the container 2 where the wick 5 is mounted, and the sectional shape of the reflux flow passage 11 is in a circular form. The reflux flow passage 11 of this shape may be constructed as a passage of a circular cross-section a-by combining slits of ~~semicircular~~semicircular cross-section on both the wick 5 and the container 2, otherwise, by holing on either wick 5 or container 2.